

2009 SME Pittsburgh Section Distinguished Member Award

Robert P. Kudlawiec

*President and Project Director,
Maple Creek Mining Inc.*



Robert P. Kudlawiec is the President and Project Director for Maple Creek Mining, Inc. and is the acting Administrator for all of the Pennsylvania Operations. Robert has vast experience and expertise in mine planning and production operations, permitting and permit renewals, feasibility investigations, design and specification review; site investigation, alternative route selection, erosion and sedimentation design, bridge investigations, refuse disposal and impoundment design, slurry injection, acid mine treatment design, and home and structure restoration. He also has extensive experience in municipal water and sewerage systems, municipal stormwater projects, and building design and mitigation.

Mr. Kudlawiec previously held the position of Manager of Environmental Compliance for the Murray Energy Corporation where he had responsibility for all corporate permitting and engineering issues in all operational states. Previously, Robert was Manager of Engineering and Chief Engineer for MCMI and Ohio American Energy, Inc. His areas of responsibility included mine operations and production planning, ventilation and roof control plans and agency submittals, mine permitting and permit modifications, interaction with federal, state, and local governmental agencies, fuse impoundment design and certification; litigation and expert witness assistance and testimony, capital budgeting and long term financial operational planning for underground and surface mining operations.

Prior to working at Maple Creek, Robert was employed by Hatch Mott MacDonald Consulting Engineers as a Senior Project Manager for the mining industry. He served as the consulting Manager of Engineering for a major coal company with re-

sponsibility for overseeing an underground continuous mining operation and several surface mining operations that included dragline extraction methods as well as dozer and truck and shovel methods.

Robert held the positions of Manager of Maintenance, Project Manager, and Mine Production Manager while at Cyprus Amax Coal Company. He was responsible for the development and oversight of the maintenance of the mining operation and its vast array of equipment. He directed a maintenance staff of approximately 100 and a production staff of 200.

Mr. Kudlawiec was also the Regional and Operational Manager for Jeffrey Mining Equipment and was responsible for sales and marketing for underground mining equipment along with management and oversight of the rebuild facility. Annual revenue was approximately \$10MM and 50 personnel.

Robert holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mining Engineering from the Pennsylvania State University and an Masters of Business Administration degree from Wheeling College. Robert is a Registered Professional Engineer in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky. He is also a certified Mine Manager in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Illinois. Robert is the past Chairman of the Pittsburgh Section of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration Inc., the National Society of Professional Engineers, a 31-year member of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration Inc., the Kanawha Valley Mining Institute and the Pennsylvania Coal Association.